Bulky Wood Waste Guide - How to dispose of it in Arlington

* bulky item: one is allowable per week per household

What is allowable wood waste in Arlington curbside trash?

- Small amounts of milled wood and particle board can be included with household trash as part of the 100 gallon (three 32-gallon barrel) weekly trash limit
- A crate, box or pallet is considered a **bulky item***
- Wood furniture should be kept whole, not broken down into pieces, and is considered a **bulky item***
- Wood composite furniture is considered a **bulk item***. Please keep pieces together, preferably assembled.
- Natural wooden logs, limbs and root balls are not allowable, per state waste ban laws

How much wood waste is allowable?

- One 32-gallon trash barrel of wood waste per week per household is allowable, and is included as part of the allowable trash limit of 100 gallons per household, per week
- A trash barrel of wood waste cannot exceed 50 lbs.
- Bulky wood items that do not fit in a trash barrel can be placed out as a bulky item*

How to prepare the wood waste for collection:

- MUST be placed in a trash barrel for safe handling purposes
- Pieces MUST be cut to under 4 feet in length
- NAILS must be hammered down flat or removed

How to prepare specific items:

- Swing sets or wooden play structure: leave ladders intact and place out as a bulk item. All other pieces should prepared and set out at the curb as described above.
- >Built-in furniture: one furniture-sized piece is acceptable as a bulk item if it is recognizable and intact.
- Fence sections (typically 8-feet long): One 4-foot length is considered one bulky item*
 - Fence that is 4-feet high and under: sections should be cut into 4-foot lengths
 - Fence that is over 4-feet high: 4-foot long sections should be cut again into 4-foot high pieces

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* Multiple small pieces of wood waste should fit into a trash barrel for safe handling purposes

* ONE BARREL of wood waste counts as part of the weekly household limit of 100 gallons, or three 32-gallon trash barrels

Type of wood	Trash?	How to prepare	Examples	
Milled boards Milles lengths Particle board	Yes	 Cut to under 4 feet long Fit in a trash barrel One barrel full per week MUST weigh under 50 lbs. 	Acceptable If under 4 feet	
Boxes Crates Pallets	Yes	* Fit in a trash barrelOR• Place out as a bulk item	Acceptable	
Logs Branches	No	 Give them to someone with a fireplace Dispose of with landscaping service 	NOT Acceptable (state law) MUST be under 4 feet	
Molding Strapping 2' x 4' lengths	Yes	 Cut to under 4 feet long Fit in a trash barrel One can full per week MUST weigh under 50 lbs. 	NOT Acceptable (Waste-to-energy facility rule) Acceptable	ART.
Furniture Built-in furniture	Yes	 Leave furniture in one piece One piece (Bulky Item) per week IMPORTANT: Dismantled furniture looks like scrap wood and reveals nails and splintered wood. 	ChairTableWood bed or futon frameSofaBench	
Fencing	Yes	One length per week4 feet high and wide8 feet high cut to 4 feet high	Acceptable	DPW Fall 2019